Uintatheriidae

Uintatheriidae is a family of extinct <u>ungulate</u> <u>mammals</u> that includes <u>Uintatherium</u>. Uintatheres belong to the order <u>Dinocerata</u>, one of several extinct orders of primitive hoofed mammals that are sometimes united in the Condylarthra.

Uintatheres were the largest land animals of their time, surviving from the late <u>Paleocene</u> into the <u>Uintan</u> Epoch of the Middle <u>Eocene</u>.^[1] They were heavy animals, with thick legs, massive bones, broad feet, and tiny brains. The most distinctive feature of the great majority of species, however, was the presence of multiple blunt "horns", perhaps similar to the <u>ossicones</u> of modern <u>giraffes</u>, and the presence of large, sabre-like canine teeth. They were eventually replaced as large browsing animals by the even larger brontotheres.^[2]

Genera

Family **Uintatheriidae**

- Subfamily Uintatheriinae
 - Genus Prodinoceras
 - Genus Bathyopsis
 - Genus Uintatherium
 - Genus Tetheopsis
 - Genus Eobasileus
- Subfamily Gobiatheriinae
 - Genus Gobiatherium

Uintatheriidae Temporal range: Late Paleocene - Middle Eocene Pre€ € OS D C P T J K PgN **Uintatherium** Scientific classification 🥖 Kingdom: Animalia Phylum: Chordata Class: Mammalia Order: †Dinocerata Family: †Uintatheriidae Genera All extinct, see text

Because the skulls of the species of *Gobiatherium* lack the diagnostic ossicones and fang-tusks of other uintatheres, the genus is sometimes placed within its own family, "Gobiatheriidae."

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